

## IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

JANUARY 5, 1821.

Mr. EATON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of William M·Intosh," made the following

## REPORT:

The petitioner alleges that, by a resurvey made by the government of the United States, he has been deprived of a mill-seat which had been originally included in the survey of land which he claims; and that the mill-seat has been sold by the United States.

It appears to the committee in proof, that a confirmation of his claim took place fourteen or fifteen years ago, and that ever since he has remained satisfied and contented with the survey as it was then made.

It appears, too, that the original survey under which M·Intosh derives his claim and title called for no natural object or boundary by which to authorize a departure from course and distance. The surveyor who laid out his land was in possession of the confirmed title; was on the ground, possessed of every necessary information, and made his survey agreeably to course and distance; there being before him nothing to warrant a departure from this mode. The claimant is in possession of one hundred acres, which is all that he is entitled to claim. The committee therefore, can perceive no good reason why he should, under these circumstances, be permitted to take other lands of the government in exchange for that which he has. In fact, there is no evidence to induce a belief with the committee, that the petitioner has sustained any injury, or is entitled to any relief; they therefore recommend that the bill for the relief of William M·Intosh from the House of Representatives do not pass.